



Fort Myers Beach Shrimp Festival

2019 Shrimp Eating Championship

Contestant Packet

Please complete and submit the following items:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Completed</u>
Contestant Application	_____
Contestant Release Form	_____
Photograph for Shrimp Festival digital and printed material	_____
Personal Biography for Shrimp Festival digital and printed material	_____
A fun contestant name	_____

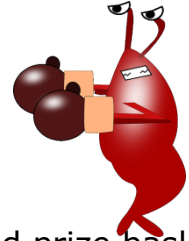
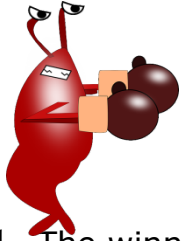
The following is a list of activities that contestants' participation is required:

- **Shrimp Festival Parade on Saturday March 9, 2019 – 8:30am – Parade Staging Grounds –Behind FMB Library:**
 - All eating contestants are asked to ride on the float to promote the event the next day. Parade float will depart from the school at 10:00 and end at Lynn Park
- **Contestant Meeting on Sunday March 10, 2019 – 11:30am – Lynn Hall Park Bathroom Facility:**
 - Contestants will need to check-in at the public bathroom pavilion at Lynn Park at **11:30am** for the contestant meeting. The rules and guidelines of the contest will be reviewed and any questions will be answered. Contestants will then take their 'People's Choice' buckets around the festival grounds to spread awareness of the event and raise money towards their chance for People's Choice.
- **Shrimp Festival Shrimp Eating Contest on Sunday March 10, 2019 – 1pm - Lynn Hall Park Bathroom Facility:**
 - Contestants will compete for the title to see who can consume the most shrimp in a eight minute period. Additionally, the "People's Choice Award" will be presented to the contestant who raised the most from public donations.



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5th Annual Shrimp Eating Championship



Official Rules & Regulations

1. The winning trophy, title of **"Shrimp Eating Champion"** and a grand prize basket will be awarded to the "First Place" largest total consumption winner
2. A **"People's Choice"** trophy and prize basket will be awarded to the person who collects the most donations from the crowd and prior to the championship via online donations
3. The contest will consist of a maximum of ten (10) contestants
4. Contestants must be at least 18 years old at the time of the contest
5. Contests must complete and return the participate agreement prior to the contest
6. Entry Fee: a \$250 entrant and sponsorship fee must be received by March 2, 2019
7. Contestants will consume (and keep down) as much of the 3lb total allotted shrimp as they can within a eight minute time period
 - a. Shrimp will be distributed by 'monitors' in 1/2lb increments
 - b. Cocktail sauce & bottled water will be provided & are the ONLY additional items contestants can be consume during the contest
8. Contest will begin when all entrants are seated and introduced. Table monitors will be stationed at the head of each table to provide shrimp and record consumption weights. After consuming an entire bag of shrimp, contestants shall signal the monitor by waving their empty bag above their head to receive the next bag of shrimp. **CONTESTANS MUST PLACE EACH EMPTY BAG UNDER THEIR PLATE AND RETAIN FOR VERIFICATION OF FINAL CONSUMPTION**
9. Contestants must remain seated during the entire contest, and have had your final consumption weight recorded by the table monitor
10. **LEAVING YOUR SEAT BEFORE HAVING YOUR CONSUMPTION WEIGHT VERIFIED, OR FAILURE TO KEEP YOUR SHRIMP DOWN, SHALL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION**
11. When the official announces the contest is over, no more shrimp may be put in your mouth or consumed by the contestant. Contestants may chew and swallow any shrimp already in their mouth. If no contestant has finished all 3lbs, final consumption weights will be verified and a winner will be announced. In the event of a tie, winners will be determined by an "overtime" contest. The "overtime" contest will be one minute in length (60sec) and will require those who tied to eat as much shrimp within the one minute (60sec) time period. The "overtime" contest will continue until the tie is broken, or until one contestant concedes

Contestant Initials: _____



Contestant Application

Please complete registration form below & submit via email to Shelby@hillgate.biz or mail via USPS to:

Fort Myers Beach Lions Club
Attn: Shrimp Eating Contest
Post Office Box 5061
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33932

Name: _____

Age: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

I understand that I enter this Shrimp Eating Championship at my own risk & have read the 'Official Rules & Regulations' above. I also understand that by agreeing to participate, I am obligated to attend each of the events listed below & will arrive on time to avoid delaying the event and my fellow contestants.

- **Saturday March 9th – 8am:**
 - Participants must be at parade staging grounds (behind Beach Library) by 8am – Bridge closes at 9am!
- **Sunday, March 10th - 11:30am:**
 - Participants must be at Lynn Hall Park bathroom pavilion at 11:30am for CERT meeting & People's Choice bucket collection
- **Sunday, March 10th – 1pm:**
 - Shrimp Eating Contest starts at 1:00pm at Lynn Hall Park

Contestant Signature: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Relationship: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

(Your Desired Competition Photo)

Please send as .JPEG



(Your Competition Bio – 10 Sentences Max)

Please send as a Word Document



(Your Desired Competition Name)

